Minerva Park Community Association

MPCA Annual Membership Meeting

Annual Membership Meeting
Sept. 13

Minerva Park Community Association bylaws and constitution call for a meeting of the general membership (all dues-paying MPCA members) to be held annually. The 1992 general membership meeting has been set for Sunday, September 13 at 2 p.m. in the community building. Please check your September Villager for more information and a tentative agenda.

In addition, Article V, Section I of the MPCA Constitution states that "proposed amendments to this constitution may be formulated by any member of the organization and shall be presented in writing to the executive board at least thirty (30) days before the next general membership meeting, where the proposed amendment will be brought to a vote." Thirty days before the Sept. 13, 1992 meeting is August 14. If you would like to submit a proposed amendment on or before that date, or would simply like to obtain a copy of the bylaws or constitution for review, please contact Jennifer Hochuli at 899-9949. A general discussion of the MPCA bylaws and constitution also is planned for the August 12 MPCA board meeting, so please feel free to attend if you would like to know more.

August Calendar
06 - Planning & Zoning, 7:30 p.m.
08 - Swim Club's Corn Roast - see ad.
09 - Corn Roast Rain Date.
10 - Village Council, 8 p.m.
12 - Community Association, 7:30 p.m.
14 - The VILLAGER Deadline

Thanks, Directory Volunteers

Thanks is extended to Directory Committee members Tunnie Martin and Chris Cameron for the substantial time and effort they put forth to produce the 1992-1993 Minerva Park Directory. Special thanks as well to the dedicated volunteers who helped distribute the directory to all 560 households. They were: Tom Shannon, Pam Park-Curry, Jan McDonald, Anita Simonetti, Lisa Taylor, Lynn Eisentrout, Greg Roeble, Chris Cameron, Craig Buckingham, and Judy McClure. Again, if you would like to update your directory listing, please contact Chris Cameron at 898-7863.

September Preview
02 - Hawthorne School starts back up.
13 - MPCA Annual Membership Meeting, 2 p.m.

Nominations sought for the MPCA board

During the September 13 community association annual meeting, elections are held for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary to the community association's executive board. In accordance with association bylaws, a three-member Nominating Committee has been established to put together a slate of candidates for these positions. If you are interested in serving on the executive board, know someone who is, or would simply like more information about what being on the board entails, please contact one of the three committee members by August 20. They are: Barb Wohlfarth (882-5558), Rolla Wagner (895-2236), and Cludette Shannon (891-7036).
Minerva Park
Squad Report

In June, the squad made 160 runs; 20 runs into Blendon Township and 8 into Minerva Park. 74 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1522 hours for the month, bringing the total year-to-date to 9480 hours. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (163 hours), Colin Chong (121), and Frank Meredith (116). Curt continues to lead year-to-date with 942 hours.

Our squad was the first on the scene of a car/school bus accident on Cleveland Avenue, north of Morse. No children were injured, however the driver of the car was in cardiac arrest. The driver was supported with CPR until the Westerville medics arrived. At last word, the driver was recovering.

The new squad vehicle is performing well, with much improved operating costs over our old vehicle. The vehicle was returned to the dealer briefly this past weekend for completion of a list of small maintenance actions (on warranty).

Several members are completing their paramedic or advanced EMT training this summer. Once all have gone through National Registry, we will provide an update. In addition, a basic EMT refresher is being offered in August to anyone who needs their triennial state recertification.

During June, squad fund-raising activities continued in Blendon Township. Nearly $7,000 has been raised to date. Once again, thanks to everyone who has helped out.

Neighborly Notes

Please try to be considerate of your neighbors. The sound of lawn mowers, trimmers, power tools, etc. can be very irritating early on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Just because you are an early riser doesn’t necessarily mean your neighbors want to be.

Village resident Ann Saville, who previously conducted Sunshine Committee activities for the Minerva Park Women’s Club, has graciously volunteered to continue those efforts for the Community Association. If you know of someone in the park who isn’t feeling well or someone who has passed away, please call Ann at 882-8452 so that get-well wishes or condolences can be expressed. Your help will be truly appreciated not only by Ann but by those receiving expressions of sympathy and support when needed most.

Condolence

The Villager expresses its deepest sorrow to Ray Beougher at the sudden death of his beloved wife, Gladys, on July 2nd. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
The Birthstone of August is the Peridot

Characteristic: Gladness of Heart.

The beauty and brilliance of the genuine Peridot makes it a treasured possession by all who wear it. It is said in mythology, genuine Peridots were first discovered by Crusaders traveling the continents of Europe. The gems, which were thought to symbolize chivalry, bravery, and sincerity, were presented to the Cathedrals of Europe by the Crusaders and favored for use in ecclesiastical jewelry since the Middle Ages. The principal source of the genuine Peridots is St. John, a small island in the Red Sea. They are sometimes found in small quantities in other locations.

August Birthdays

2nd Julia Dowd
2nd Judith Dowd
3rd Krystal Himelstein
4th Tabitha Thompson
5th Nicole Eckert
9th Aaron Dowd
17th Kathy Kelly
23rd Mayor Dave Blair
26th Rebekah Dowd
27th Louis Roeble

CORN ROAST

Saturday August 8, 1992
Rain Date: August 9, 1992
At The Minerva Park Swim Club

Dinner 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Adults: $6.00  Children 5-12 Years: $2.00 (Under 5 Free)

Roast Beef, Ham, Brats, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips, Watermelon, Lemonade, Ice Tea
And
Corn On The Cob

Bake Sale
Fun & Games, Face Painting & Photos For Children
Pie Eating Contest

The Minerva Park Swim Club uses all proceeds for the operation & administration of the 1992-1993 season.

Any questions about the corn roast call:
Wally Himelstein: 891-5687 or the Pool: 882-7611

Dollars and Sense (Part 4 of 4)

by Randy Ryan

What is your tax liability? Many people automatically assume their tax brackets will be significantly lower at retirement. But if you have done a good job saving, that won't necessarily be the case. The new tax law also replaced 10-year averaging with five-year averaging of lump-sum distributions from qualified retirement plans. The new, five-year formula may be available one time only if you're at least age 59 1/2 when you receive your lump-sum distributions. If your lump-sum distribution meets all requirements, you may elect favorable tax treatment. However, here's a grandfathering provision: If you were 50 on or before January 1, 1986, you may make a one-time election to use 10-year averaging at 1986 tax rates or five-year averaging under the rates in effect when the lump-sum distribution is received.

Should you work after you retire? If you assume that Social Security will backstop a post-retirement job, there are limits on earnings. For example, if you are less than age 65 in 1987, you lose $1 of social security benefits for every $2 you earn over $6,000 a year.

Is your estate in order? It's important to have an updated will drawn to ensure proper handling of your assets upon death. You may want to discuss with your tax attorney or accountant potential tax savings of trusts, unified tax credits and gifts.

Are you comfortable managing your own money? Deciding how and where to invest your money can be daunting. Many people consider a "balanced" retirement portfolio to include four types of financial investments. First, cash reserves are required for immediate needs -- to meet an emergency or take advantage of an opportunity (passbook savings accounts, money market funds and short term certificates of deposit). Second, you should have adequate protection (health, property/casualty, disability, and life insurance policies). A third type of investment is fixed assets; investing at a fixed rate of return, usually for a fixed period of time (mutual funds, unit investment trusts, investment certificates, cash value annuities and cash value life insurance). A final investment consideration is money invested where the value and rate of return can fluctuate, but which provides more opportunity for growth (real estate, common stocks, some mutual funds and variable annuities).
There is an old saying that it never rains but it pours, and that is what it is doing as I write. I feel sorry for those who have lost trees and have flooded basements during these mid-July storms, but the gardener in me has been delighted with the way the grass, trees, shrubs, and flowers have looked after they got good drinks of water.

The Minerva Park Garden Tour, July 11-12, was very successful in spite of the fact that only one of the papers that were sent information gave good publicity. Our thanks were sent to the reporter of "The Northland This Week". Unfortunately, most of you didn't see it as it is not included in our "BAG", but it did bring a lot of visitors from the northland area. There were 175 people who came to my garden; some residents are sure they had more. Since many visitors did not go everywhere, I would estimate perhaps 250 visited our gardens.

The visitors were very complimentary, not only about the gardens that were open, but about the entire park. One said to me, "if I had seen this area before I bought my house, I certainly would be living here. We have nothing like this in our area". While another commented, "every house should be having 'Open Yard' as they all look so beautiful". I had to agree with her, for I have never seen the park looking so colorful and well groomed. Thanks to all who made a contribution, large or small; congratulations to us all! Now that we have shown what we can do, both individually and collectively, let's look to the future! The MinervaFlora committee will meet right after labor day to evaluate this year's projects and to consider new ones. By then, Columbus should be done with whatever they are going to do on Cleveland Avenue, so we can see what we can do to improve the looks of the park's entrances as seen by motorists whizzing by all too fast. Perhaps now that we have the front of the community building pretty much under control, we should start in on the lake side. If you have suggestions for any beautification projects, please drop them off at my door at 2816 Lakewood Drive or call 882-5444. We do want everyone's ideas but we cannot take on any more work. If residents will do the work of planting and maintaining the area, we will do what we can to provide materials. Two other people asked for mulch but had to be refused as we didn't have enough for our own use. Please note that requests will be made to Village Council, Color Columbus, and the MPCA by December 1st; unless we are aware of your need or project before then we will be unable to include you in our request. Also, remember, we don't always get everything we ask for. Additional committee members are needed; the more we have the less work for each one. I would like to hear by labor day from any of you who would like to be on the committee or would be willing to give occasional work help. This response will influence the projects we can plan to undertake next year.

I felt all the Open Yards were outstanding, and found myself liking best those that I have mentioned many times. I asked other committee members to nominate their favorites. They selected: Blank's (2540 Lakewood), Davises (2693 Alder Vista), Flettchner (2814 Maplewood), Mampieri (2839 Park Lane Drive), Savko (5372 Park Lane Court), and Volpe (2811 Park Lane Drive).

**Directory Update**

(Don't forget to update yours!)

Mary & Allen Jeffers at 5349 Park Lane Dr. changed their number from Unlisted to 895-5483.

Herman & Marilyn Groezinger at 2975 Minerva Lake Road were one of the Unknowns; their number is 882-8512.

The Minerva Park Community Association would like to publicly apologize to all of the people at Accent On Art. This is a custom framing business located at 2440 E. Dublin-Granville Road in the Sprint Creek Shopping Center. Their ad in the new directory was printed with the wrong address (Page 26). We would also like to apologize to Bonnie Limes for printing the wrong home phone number in her Century 21 ad. It should be 882-5313 (Page 36). If you have any changes please call Chris at 898-7863.
Committees need your brain and muscle

Thanks to everyone who has helped the Minerva Park Community Association enjoy a very successful first year since the merger of the Women's Club and the Civic Association into this organization! Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you've appreciated the programs and services provided by the association, we hope you'll consider providing support in another way. The association is simply a network of committees for various community projects and services. Volunteers are needed to serve on, and in some cases chair, some vital committees.

Please don't hesitate to volunteer because:
• you're afraid it may be too time-consuming;
• you aren't familiar with the association;
• you don't think you have good ideas to contribute.

Some activities need ongoing attention while others need attention only once or twice a year. It's a new organization, so new people and ideas aren't just welcome but essential to our growth and improvement. Your contribution of time and brainpower will most definitely be welcome! If interested, please contact Jennifer Hochuli, 899-9949 and/or come to the September 13, 2 p.m. annual meeting at the community building. Also, please check next month's Villager, where we hope to run descriptions of what each committee and its chair does.

MPCA Meeting Highlights July 15, 1992

Citizen's Comments - Pool Board President Wally Himelstein reported on the financial condition of the pool and discussed essential repairs that need to be made. He requested that a MPCA representative be named to a task force that will examine options for financing those repairs. A motion was carried naming Don Champney to serve as the MPCA representative to the pool board task force.

President's Report - Two minor amendments were approved for MPCA bylaws. The first established September as the month to hold the annual MPCA general membership meeting; the second clarified that one-year MPCA board terms will coincide with the fiscal year (October 1 - September 30).

Treasury - In accordance with bylaws requirements that MPCA financial records be audited yearly, Rolla Wagner was selected to conduct an audit prior to the September general membership meeting.

Committees:
• It was reported that volunteers and a new chair are needed for the Children's Activities Committee. The next regular activity of this committee would be at Halloween.
• Tunnie Martin reported on the status of a "Historical Committee" that will examine options for publishing a historical information prepared by Vern Pack. A motion was carried requesting that Village Council appoint Mr. Pack as official Village Historian. Mr. Pack also would serve in an ex-officio capacity on the historical committee.

MPCA August Meeting

• The next meeting of the Minerva Park Community Association will be held Wednesday, August 12, 1992. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will take place at the Community Building. All Minerva Park residents are welcome!

Tentative agenda

I. Call to order
II. Approval of the minutes
III. Citizen's comments
IV. Treasurer's report
V. President's report
A. Bylaws/Constitution and Amendments
VI. Committee/project reports
VII. Old/new business
VIII. Adjourn
Village Council  July 13, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair with 6 members present. The agenda was amended to show the reading of additional ordinances: 10-92, 11-92, and 12-92.

Minutes of the June 8, 1992, meeting were accepted as written. Mayor Blair noted copies of correspondence given to council - COTA, Consumer Council, "Concrete Expressions - Open Shelter", Legislative Bulletin #7 from the Ohio Municipal League, 911 report for Franklin County and the Mayor's report for June.

Wally Himelstein, Minerva Park Swim Club President, presented to council an overview of the financial and physical condition of the pool. The pool is in need of major repairs. Mr. Himelstein asked for a member of council to become part of the task force to discuss ways to save the pool. The task force would consist of someone from village council, the community organization, the pool board and Mr. Jackson, longtime manager of the pool. Lynn Eisentrout was elected to serve on the task force representing village council. The task force would like to meet as soon as possible.

The placement of the picnic tables issue came up again because of a petition to place the tables in the playground as originally decided by council. After much discussion, Ray Mussio made a motion that the tables remain where they are (behind the community building) until the playground equipment is moved. At that time, one table will be moved to the playground area with a sign installed stating "Park closes at dusk".

Community - Andy McCabe reported that the Minerva Park Community Association has delivered directories to all homes. The village sponsored day at the pool on the 4th of July brought out 96 residents to the pool. He accepted a donation from the community association of $237.50 towards the sealing of the path and painting the bridge and benches.

Streets - Lynn Eisentrout reported that the slurry seal for the south side of the park had two bids: $29,211 from Strawer and $24,428 from Butuminous Paving. A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid of Butuminous. The Cleveland Avenue project being done by the City of Columbus will be done in another week or two. The hump at the end of Minerva Lake Road is being worked on. The "No Outlet" sign at the entrance to Lakewood will be looked at to see if it needs to be moved.

Service - Pam Park Curry reported that there were recycling articles in both the Villager and within the new Minerva Park phone directories.

Finance - Jack Murray moved that the bills be approved for payment. Motion Carried. Jack asked for passage of Resolution 92-11: A resolution adopting a tax budget for the Village of Minerva Park, State of Ohio, for the fiscal year 1993 and to declare an emergency. Motion Carried.

Safety - Police Chief Bobbie Hillard reported on the crimes in June. Fire Chief Karl Garrowbrandt reported on the number of volunteer hours for the month of June and that donations to the squad have totaled about $6,300 so far. Ray Mussio stated that the safety committee met last week. The PERS coverage for two police officers is still being decided by the PERS office. Ray Mussio moved that council go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion Carried; council reconvened at 10:17 pm.

Legislation - Bob Earl read ordinance 8-92 (An ordinance establishing compensation for Mayor's court Magistrate and to declare an emergency) and moved for its passage. Motion carried.

- Bob Earl read ordinance 9-92 (An ordinance to establish a comprehensive health and medical testing program for police officers of the Village of Minerva Park) and moved for its passage. Motion carried.

- Bob Earl read ordinance 10-92 (An ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances of the Village of Minerva Park) and moved for its passage. Motion carried.

- Bob Earl read ordinance 11-92 (An ordinance to re-establish the salaries for specified personnel of the Village of Minerva Park Police Department and to repeal ordinance 3-91) and moved for its passage. Motion carried.

- Bob Earl read ordinance 92-10 (A resolution to amend the annual appropriations resolutions 92-5, dated March 9, 1992, by transferring monies within the general fund accounts and to declare an emergency) and moved for its passage. Motion carried.

- Bob Earl read ordinance 92-12 (A resolution to amend the village annual appropriation budget resolution 92-5 passed on March 9, 1992, and to declare an emergency) and moved for its passage. Motion carried.

- Bob Earl read ordinance 12-92 (An ordinance repealing all prior ordinances regarding auxiliary police unit which are inconsistent with this ordinance and to establish capabilities of required minimum paid hours worked by volunteers) and moved for its passage. Motion carried.

- Village Solicitor, Narcus Tsiliacos, commented on mayor's court jurisdiction on Cleveland Avenue in response to an attorney's letter in the Dispatch several weeks ago. What the Village did was proper.

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Hi Neighbor

AUGUST 1992
by
RAY BECOURGER

PARK GETS NEW SQUAD CAR

BULLETIN!
OLUSK'S BABY PIG HAS DISAPPEARED. FIRE
PLAY IS SUSPECTED. AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING.

OUR NEW SQUAD WAS DELIVERED LATE IN JUNE AND IS UNDER-
GOING SHAKE-DOWN. COST WAS $90,000. YOUR GENTLE.
DONATIONS TOWARD PAYMENT ARE REALLY APPRECIATED. THESE
VEHICLES DON'T COME ON CHRISTMAS TREES! IT HAS SEVERAL
NEW FEATURES, HALOGEN LIGHTS, AIR HORNS AND A LOUDER
SIREN PLUS A DIESEL ENGINE. OUR SQUAD, THE ONLY ONE
IN THE COLUMBUS AREA, MAINTAINED (AND DISMANNED) BY VOLUNTEERS, IS
THOROUGHLY COMPETENT. EACH MEMBER MUST PASS A STATE TEST
BEFORE BEING CERTIFIED FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE. THESE PEOPLE
ARE ANGELS ON THE SPOT WHEN WE NEED THEM AND DESERVE FAR
MORE ATTENTION THAN THEY ARE GIVEN. - - - THE VEHICLE
IS READILY IDENTIFIED ON THE STREET, BEING PAINTED ALL
WHITE, WITH A BROAD RED STRIPE RUNNING IT'S LENGTH.
MEMBERS WHO POSE FOR THIS CARTOON ARE BARRY BROSTEN,
FRANK MEREDITH AND TOM RICKERINER, A WESTERVILLE
FIREFIGHTER.

FARMER ED HEATH FROM CENTERBURG PUT SOY BEANS
IN THE FIELD SOUTH OF US.- MEANS NO SHOPPING MALL THERE
THIS YEAR.

HE WORKED TIL AFTER DARK PUTTING THE CROP IN
AND THE NEXT DAY THE HEAVY RAINS BEGAN.

DICK HORTON CONTINUES TO AMAZE
FOR YEARS HE TRAPPED SQUIRRELS
TRYING TO GET RID OF THEM AND FIGHTING
A LOSING BATTLE. THEN HE GOT AN IDEA -
WHY NOT USE THEM FOR ENTERTAINMENT?
HE BUILT A SMALL FERRIS WHEEL
IN HIS YARD AND PUT PEANUTS
IN THE SEATS.

NOW HE AND WIFE
JUDY SIT AND WATCH
THE SQUIRRELS GO
CRAY TRYING TO
GET NUTS FROM
THE WILDLY
CYCLING WHEEL.

MY BELOVED WIFE
GLADYS, PASSED AWAY
JULY 2ND FROM A HEART
ATTACK. SHE WAS MY MOST
VALUED CRITIC ON THIS PAGE
AND A GREAT HELP WITH THE
SPELLING AND GRAMMAR.
THANKS TO ALL WHO
GAVE THEIR HELP AND
CONDOLENCES

LARRY & ERNIE

ERNIE WAS OPERATED ON FOR GALL STONES AND HAD
A ROUGH TIME OF IT. STAN'S RESTAURANT CLOSED
DOWN FOR A WEEK IN RESPECT. HE'S DOING REAL WELL
NOW AND IS UP AND ABOUT.- STAN'S IS AGAIN OPEN

BROUGHT YOU
SOME HOLLYHOCKS

LARRY

BROUGHT YOU
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LARRY

LARRY & ERNIE
Questions about fines and which court rules will be decided soon.

Planning & Zoning - A dry cleaning business has asked for a permit to operate an on-site dry cleaning operation at Cleveland Avenue and Jordan Road. Applicant not present. A motion was made that a conditional permit be issued provided the applicant provide three items, one of which is an EPA permit. Motion NOT carried (4 to 2).

- The bids on the Jordan Road project are in. The lowest bid was $219,907. A contract will be signed shortly with work beginning in August and finishing by November 1, 1992.

Old Business - With council approval the Mayor will proceed with the repaving of the parking lot and a new path connecting the parking lot to the old path. The Village has a bid from Blacklick Co. for $3,500. Motion carried.

New Business - The flag pole needs a new light. Council would like to replace the old one with a ground-level light. Estimates will be secured.

Police News

6/13 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 5300 block of Park Lane, the alarm was set off by painters.

6/16 Criminal Mischief - Person(s) unknown did cause minor damage to a mailbox with an unknown type of explosive on the 2800 block of Wildwood Road.

6/16 Unsecured Door - A front door was found unsecured on the 5300 block of Ponderosa Drive.

6/17 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 5300 block of Park Lane, the alarm was set off by a relative.

6/17 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2900 block of Berry Lane, the alarm was set off by the resident.

6/17 Theft - Person(s) unknown did remove a brown trash container from in front of a residence in the 2800 block of Maplewood Drive.

6/18 Breaking an Entering - A window was found open at the Hawthorne Elementary School. While checking the window, an unknown subject(s) was seen inside.

6/20 Robbery - A black male subject took $150.00 from Victor's Craft store.

7/07 Aggravated Burglary - Person(s) unknown did gain entry into a residence in the 3200 block of Minerva Lake Road. $999.01 worth of merchandise was taken and the entire residence was ransacked.

7/08 Distress Alarm (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2700 block of Maplewood. Advised by the resident that the alarm was set off accidently.

7/09 Criminal Mischief - Possible known suspect did remove a mail box from a residence in the 2600 block of Jordan Road. The mail box was later recovered in a yard on Faymeadow Drive, Columbus.

7/11 Domestic Violence - Dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a 911 domestic dispute call. Arrived at the scene, both parties involved stated everything was fine.

7/11 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to West Coast Video, on a hold up alarm. The employees set off the alarm by accident.

7/12 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2500 block of Maplewood Drive. Checked the residence, found all to be secure.

7/14 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 2500 block of Minerva Lake Road. Arrived on the scene to find a female who was assaulted, medical assistance was required. Male subject was gone upon arrival.

7/14 Burglary in Progress (False Alarm) - Dispatched to the 3000 block of Minerva Lake Road. Arrived on the scene to find the residence secure.

7/15 Theft - At the Minerva Lake Golf Course, the reporting person laid a gold open link bracelet in a golf cart...returned a minute later to find it gone.

7/15 Neighborhood Dispute - Dispatched to the 2800 block of Wildwood Road. The reporting person stated a neighbor had removed a property line marker without consent.

7/17 Unsecured Door - While performing a routine business check at Victor's Crafts, a rear door was found unlocked.

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